GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4490
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IDLING OF MULTI ACCESS RURAL RADIO SYSTEMS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether DOT is procuring the Multi Access Rural Radio Systems in spite of proven fault proneness resulting in blockage of Rs. 21.50 crore due to idling of equipments;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have initiated any action against those erring officials involved in creating such a huge loss to the exchequer;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) No, Sir. Procurement of Multi Access Rural Radio Systems(MARR) had been stopped from the year 1998 onwards.

(b) to (e): Do not arise in view of (a) above.